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REPLY BRIEF UNDER 37 CFR § 1.193(b)(1)

This Reply Brief is filed pursuant to 37 CFR §1.193(b)(1) and is filed in response to the Examiner's Answer of May 23, 2007, the Examiner's Answer being in response to an Appeal Brief filed February 2, 2007. This Brief addresses a number of points arising from the Appeal Brief, as well as the Examiner's Answer to the same.

10. Response to Argument.

In section 10 of the Examiner's Answer, the Examiner purported to respond to Appellants arguments under subsection B of section 7 of the Appeal Brief. Appellants note, however, that section 10 of the Examiner's Answer virtually repeats the same arguments as previously presented at pages 6-13 of the final Official Action of May 18, 2006. In this regard, Appellants also note that the aforementioned arguments raised in the final Official Action, were fully addressed with counterarguments in Appellants Appeal Brief of February 2, 2007. The Examiner's Answer, however, fails to address any of the counterarguments. And as such, Appellants direct the Board's attention to Appellant's Appeal Brief for arguments addressing all of the points raised by the Examiner to date, including those in the Examiner's Answer.

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CONCLUSION

For at least the foregoing reasons, as well as those presented in the Appeal Brief, Appellants respectfully request that the rejections be reversed.

Respectfully submitted,

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